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## **Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest**

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### **RIDGETOP WILDFIRE BEING MANAGED FOR RESOURCE BENEFITS**

SALT LAKE CITY, UT, July 27, 2009 – Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest Fire Management officials announced today that the Ridgetop wildfire will be managed for resource benefits. The lightning caused fire was reported on Sunday, July 26, 2009 at 10:16 a.m. and is approximately ½ acres in size. The fire is smoldering in mountain brush and sub-alpine fir. The fire is located 1 ½ miles east of the Mirror Lake Scenic Byway, across from the Ruth Lake Trail head on the ridgeline between Kletting and Hayden Peaks.

“This lightning-caused fire is being managed to achieve several objectives said Steve Ryberg, Evanston-Mt. View District Ranger, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest. “Objectives include reducing dwarf mistletoe, reducing hazardous fuel buildups, regenerating healthy forest vegetation, and minimizing firefighter exposure to hazardous conditions. The fire will be closely monitored to assure it is meeting the objectives we have outlined, and to determine if any suppression actions are needed to keep the fire from expanding into areas where a large-scale wildfire would be unacceptable.”

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